

# **BILL 19.**

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when required, to any subsequent grand jury.

Any election officer who shall fail or refuse to perform any of his duties imposed by this section shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than fifty nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or be confined in the county jail not less than thirty days, nor more than six months, or be both fined and imprisoned, in the discretion of the jury.

## **Duties of the Clerk.**

Sec. 9. It shall be the duty of the County Clerk to cause to be printed, bound and ready for distribution one book of stubs and ballots for each voting precinct in his county, and shall furnish 50 per cent. more ballots for each precinct than there were votes cast in said precinct at the last State and National election. He shall also have made for each voting precinct in his county one metal stamp at least one inch in diameter, which shall be known as the county election seal. It shall have upon it the word "election" straight across the center; the name of his county around the circle inside the rim above the word "election," and the name of the precinct for which it is made around the word "election," together with one stick of best sealing wax such as used by United States Government and by express companies for sealing packages containing money. He shall also have made for each precinct in his county one adjustable linen envelope sufficiently large to hold all the ballots that may be voted at said precinct, with a gummed seal on the back thereof and a place on the point of the seal for the county election seal. He shall also have made one linen envelope for the purpose of holding the tally sheet, with a gummed seal on the back thereof, and a place on the point of the seal for the county election seal. He shall also have made one adjustable linen envelope sufficiently large to hold all the ballots of which there is any doubt or difference of opinion in the minds of the judges concerning their legality or regularity. He shall deliver said ballot books and ballots, together with the election seal for the different precincts and the two large and one small linen envelopes for holding the ballots and tally sheet, and all necessary black ink, stencils, sample ballots and cards of instruction as herein provided, to the clerks of such precincts, and take their receipts for the same. One of such ink stencils shall be safely placed in the booth, the other preserved by the clerk, to be used in case any are lost, stolen or destroyed. Should any person steal or willfully destroy either of said stencils, or any of the election supplies required to be furnished herewith, he shall, upon conviction, be fined not less than fifty dollars nor more than two hundred dollars, and be confined in the county not less than one nor more than six months.

## **Preservation of Ballots.**

Sec. 10. As soon as the polls are closed on the day of election, and without adjournment or separation of the officers, they shall, in the voting room, open the ballot box and immediately count the ballots and make a tally sheet of the count. When the result of the ballot is ascertained it shall be immediately announced by one of the judges in front of the voting room. All the ballots which have been counted, and over which there is no question of regularity, shall consecutively be placed in a string, to be furnished by the County Court Clerk, as near as possible in the middle of the ballot, and when the count is completed the ballots so strung shall be wrapped twice around each way with the string upon which the ballots are strung, and tied with a hard bow knot, and the knot shall be sealed, with sealing wax and stamped with the county election seal. The judges of the election, in the presence of the clerk and sheriff, place the wax is hot, so as that the impression of the county election seal can be plainly read. Provided: That if there are any ballots cast and counted or left uncounted, concerning the legality or regularity of which there is any doubt or difference of opinion in the minds of the judges of the election, said ballots shall be placed in the large linen envelope furnished by the County Court Clerk for that purpose, and sealed up, and across the seal thereof the officers of the election shall plainly write their names, and at the point of the seal indicated for that purpose the judges of the election shall, in the presence of the clerk and sheriff, place the county election seal in hot wax, as above described, so that it can plainly be read, and the same shall be returned to the Clerk of the County Court with the returns of the election, for such judicial or other investigation as may be necessary with a true statement as to whether they have or have not been counted, and if counted what part and for whom. The tally sheet shall be placed in the linen envelope furnished for that purpose and sealed up separately, and across the seal thereof the judges of the election shall plainly write their names, and at the point of the seal indicated for that purpose the judges of the election shall, in the presence of the clerk and sheriff, place, with wax, as above required, the county election seal. After the certificates have been prepared and signed, and delivered as required by law, by the officers of the election, then the ballots that have been counted and tied and sealed, as above required (and none other), together with the tally sheet, after it has been stamped and sealed, as above required, shall all be placed in the large adjustable linen envelope prepared and furnished for that purpose, then the said envelope shall be sealed and across the seal thereof the officers of the election shall each write his name in a plain and legible hand and the judge shall, in the presence of the clerk and sheriff, at the point on the seal of said envelope indicated for that purpose, place the county election seal in hot wax, as above described, so that it can be plainly read, and the envelope so sealed shall then be placed in the ballot box and securely locked with the two locks hereinbefore required to be furnished, and the key to said ballot box, and the county seal shall then be placed in the possession of the judge of the opposite political faith to that of the sheriff of election, and the sheriff of election shall then take possession of said ballot box containing the ballots and tally sheet, and also take possession of the stub books containing the certificates of election and the envelopes containing the spoiled and mutilated and uncounted and questioned ballots. And the judge of election holding the keys to the ballot box and county election seal shall go with and accompany the sheriff of election, within two days thereafter, for which he shall receive the same compensation as the sheriff of election now receives by law for delivering the poll books and election returns to the County Court Clerk's office, and shall, in the presence of each other, deliver to the County Court Clerk the ballot box and the poll books, certificates and the envelope containing the spoiled, mutilated and questioned ballots, and the keys to the ballot box, together with the county election seal, and the County Court Clerk shall then and there, in the presence of the said sheriff and judge, unlock the ballot box and ascertain if the package containing the ballots and tally sheet is properly sealed, according to the requirements herein, and if he shall then issue his receipt in duplicate for said ballot box and ballots, one to the sheriff and one to the judge, which shall be in form, as follows, or as near as can be conformed to the facts:

## **Form of Receipts.**

Received of ..... sheriff of election for ..... Precinct, the ballot-box, and of ..... Judge of the election and of said precinct, the keys to said ballot-box and the county election seal for said precinct. I hereby certify that I find upon examination, in the presence of said officers that the package in said box is properly sealed and stamped, according to law; that I have replaced said package in said ballot-box, and relocked the same, and delivered to each of them a key to said ballot-box, and to the judge of the election, and taken their receipt for same. The clerk, after having satisfied himself as to the condition of said ballots, shall replace said ballots in the ballot-box and relock said box in the presence of the judge and sheriff, and then and there deliver to each of them a key to said box, and the seal of election to the judge who gave it to him, and take their receipt therefor. The form of receipt shall be, as near as can be conformed to the facts as follows:

Received of ..... Clerk of ..... County Court, one key each to the ballot-box that has been delivered to him this day by ..... sheriff of election ..... in precinct, ..... county, Kentucky, after having first seen him unlock said ballot-box and examine the package therein, and, finding it to be sealed and stamped according to law, and that we saw him replace said package in said ballot-box and relock the same, and ..... judge of election, hereby acknowledges receipt of the county election seal for his precinct this ..... day of ..... 1900.

Judge of ..... Precinct.

Sheriff of ..... Precinct.

Shall be Kept Six Months.

The judge and sheriff shall retain said keys for the period of six months, at which time, if there has not been a contest filed, they shall deliver said keys to the County Court Clerk, together with the county election seal, and it shall be his duty to destroy said ballots: Provided, however, if there be a contest filed then the judge and sheriff of the different precincts, who hold the keys to the ballot-box of their respective precincts, shall, upon notice of the filing of the contest, deliver the keys to the Judge of the court having jurisdiction to try the contest, and the officer so holding the county election seal shall then deliver the same to the County Court Clerk.

Sec. 11. At the close of the polls, and before the ballot-box is open, the officers of election shall count the remaining ballots that have not been used and tear them from the book and destroy them by burning, and in their certificate of the result of the election they shall certify how many ballots were not used and destroyed.

## **Penalties Prescribed.**

Sec. 12. Any officer of the election who shall knowingly and willfully give or certify to an improper certificate of the election as herein required, or shall mutilate or tamper with any of the seals, or destroy or remove any of the ballots required to be preserved herein, shall be guilty of felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be confined in the penitentiary for a period of not less than one nor more than three years.

Sec. 13. Any County Court Clerk who shall knowingly and willfully unlock or break open and remove or destroy, or in any way tamper with a ballot box and ballots left in his care and custody, or permit any other person to do so during the period of six months which they are so required to remain in his office, or until they are removed from his office by order of the court hearing any contest, shall forfeit his office and be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction thereof shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than three years.

Sec. 14. Any person or persons who shall in any way remove, mutilate or destroy, or add any new ballots to, the regular ballots that have been counted and prepared for preservation, or have already been preserved, as required herein, so that the result of the election in such precinct or county is changed thereby, shall, upon conviction, be deemed guilty of a felony and confined in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than three years.

Sec. 15. Any person or persons who shall unlawfully attempt to prevent, or prevent, any voter from casting his ballot, or shall attempt to, or intimidate, any person or voter so as to prevent him from casting his ballot, or who shall unlawfully interfere with the officers of election in the discharge of their duties as such, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction, be confined in the penitentiary for a period of years, of not less than one nor more than five years, for each offense. The fact that the person or persons so offending may be an officer or officers of the Federal Government, or of the State or any district, county, town or city thereof, or of election, shall not relieve them of the responsibility or penalty for the violation of this section.

All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act, or to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

Sec. 16. Because of the dissatisfaction that now exists against the present election law in this Commonwealth, and that it is desirous and necessary that the coming election in November be held under the provisions of this act, take immediate effect, and this act shall take effect and be in force upon its approval by the Governor.

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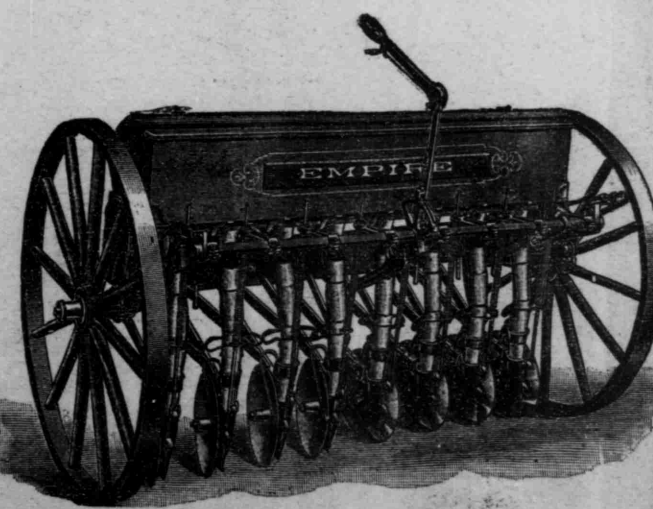
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